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9-10 a.m. SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that a 10,000 K.W. generation set recently commissioned at the Station is now out of commission and lying idle? May I know when this will be brought back to commission?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There has been a recent breakdown in the 12,500 K.W. alternative set. I do not know when it is likely to be repaired."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the shortage of power likely to be there for some years to come, will the Government consider the desirability of encouraging industrial units to install private generating plants so that the little energy that may be available in the South may be utilized for agricultural purposes in times of shortage?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, it is left to those private people to have thermal stations as a stand-by."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras, obtained their energy from the thermal station in Madras and not through the hydro-electric system where there is a cut imposed due to failure of rains?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I am sorry, Sir, I have not made myself clear. I only said that the energy produced here will be sent to those areas and therefore there will be less and less power here."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, with a view to conserving and providing electricity to such mass employing concerns, why should not Government consider the question of complete cancellation of the grant of electricity to rice mills?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it not true, Sir, that the Government are imposing cut on consumption of electricity because this Government believe in darkness?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order."

Madras Tribes Advisory Council.

* 230 *Q*.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed a Madras Tribes Advisory Council in the current year;

(*b*) if so, who are the members; and

(*c*) what are the functions of the Council?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

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"(*b*) (1) Sri S. B. P. Pattabhi Rama Rao, Minister for Rural Welfare and Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes (Ex-officio Chairman).

(2) Sri R. S. Malayappan, Director of Harijan Welfare.

(3) Sri K. Veeranna Padal, M.L.A.

(4) Sri M. Pentan Naidu, M.L.A.

(5) Sri Karam Bapanna Dora, M.L.A.

(6) Sri E. T. Kunhan, M.L.A. (since resigned).

(7) Sri Velukkan Chomadi, M.L.A.

(8) Sri B. Belligud, Toda Sub-Manigar, Pykara, The Nilgiris district.

(9) Sri Shaikunta Veettil Sayed Koya Thangal.

(10) Sri Gedala Narayana.

"(*c*) The functions of the Council are to advise on all matters referred to it by the Governor pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the Scheduled Tribes in the State, including—

(i) all new major schemes of welfare and advancement of the Scheduled Tribes in the State;

(ii) all cases in which a regulation is proposed to be made by the Governor under paragraph 5 (2) of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" Sir, a memorandum was presented to the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare on behalf of the Hill-tribes Association of Visakhapatnam and East Godavari tracts. May I know whether any steps were taken by the Government to relieve the distress of the Hill-tribes referred to in the memorandum? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, the presentation of a memorandum now-a-days is not a strange thing. A memorandum might have been presented and the representations made therein examined by Government."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the exact population of the hill-tribes and the annual expenditure incurred by Government for the reclamation of these tribes? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" How many times in the year, Sir, does the Council meet and what is the expenditure for maintaining this Council? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" There is no particular stipulation or condition regarding the period within which the Council is expected to meet. Whenever there is necessity, the Council does meet."

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Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In his answer the Hon. Minister said that E. T. Kunhan has since resigned. May I know, Sir, what made Sri Kunhan resign from the Council? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" According to rule 2 of the Tribes Advisory Council Rules, the Council shall consist of ten members, of whom not less than eight members shall be representatives of the Scheduled Tribes in the Madras Legislative Assembly, provided that if the number of representatives of the Scheduled Tribes in the Madras Legislative Assembly is less than eight, the remaining seats shall be filled by other members of those tribes. Accordingly, those members who were elected to the Assembly to fill the seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes were appointed as members of the Council in order to fill the seats intended for representatives of the Scheduled Tribes in the Assembly. It was thought that Sri E. T. Kunhan was also a member elected to the Assembly to fill the seat reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, because his name was wrongly shown in the G.O. No. 680, Public (Election), dated 1st March 1952, in which the names of all M.L.As. were published and hence he was appointed as a member of the Council. Subsequently it was brought to notice that he was elected to the reserved seat for Scheduled Castes and could not therefore continue as a member. The Member was therefore requested to resign and he has since resigned."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to give one or two instances wherein the advice of the Council has been implemented by the Government for the betterment of the tribes? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—The hon. Member may put a separate question."

District Harijan Welfare Committees.

* 231 *Q*.—Sri G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the District Harijan Welfare Committees and Provincial Harijan Welfare Board were formed ;

(*b*) whether they were formed only for three years ; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to form the new committees?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) These committees were first formed in 1938 and they are being reconstituted periodically. The State Harijan Welfare Committee was last reconstituted in August 1950 and the District Harijan Welfare Committees in March 1951.

" (*b*) The term of office of the non-official members of the reconstituted Committees is three years.